PRESS RELEASE

USAID and On.net announce the winners of the Student Support Technician Club logo competition

On 19 November 2007, the USAID Primary Education Project, in collaboration with On.net, announced the winners of the Student Support Technician Club (SSTC) logo contest at a special ceremony at Aleksandar Palace. SSTCs have been set up in 164 primary schools in Macedonia to support computer networks, staff computer labs and provide regular computer maintenance.

"Student Support Technician Clubs are an exciting and revolutionary idea. The students will ensure that the donated 6,000 computers, which were installed by the USAID e-Schools project, are working properly. This will help the Government's 'one computer per student' initiative to be more successful and will equip students with beneficial skills for their future careers," said the Minister of Education and Science Sulejman Rushiti.

With the current initiative of the Government of the Republic of Macedonia to increase the number of computers per school, the need for such preventative on-site maintenance will be of greater importance. A special mentorship program has been set-up to ensure continuity of computer services as older students graduate. As a prize, the winners will receive free internet access from On.net.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly $500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that create jobs, reduce corruption, and prepare Macedonian students for the workforce. These initiatives improve the quality of life and support Macedonia's transition to a stable and prosperous democracy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit http://macedonia.usaid.gov.